

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract of the specification on page 48 as follows:

Disclosed is a pharmaceutical composition, comprising two analgesic compounds consisting and/or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof consisting a combination of a dose of nimesulide and/or at least one a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and ~~a dose~~ oxycodone and/or at least one a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, said ~~combination~~ two analgesic compounds in an amount sufficient to provide an analgesic effect in a human patient. Also disclosed is a method of effectively treating pain in humans or other mammals, comprising orally administering to the patient a an oral dosage form comprising two analgesic compounds consisting combination of a dose of nimesulide and/or at least one a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and ~~a dose of~~ oxycodone and/or at least one a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~such that the dosing interval of the nimesulide overlaps with the dosing interval of the oxycodone~~, said ~~combination~~ two analgesic compounds in an amount sufficient to provide an analgesic effect in a human patient.